

# The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh; Monday, August 1, 1726.

From *Mist's Weekly Journal*, July 23.

**F**ROM Paris they write, that the Courtiers now talk of a thorow Reconciliation betwixt their Court and that of Spain; and that the Duke de Mortimer, a very young Man, but who, by his Intimacy with the King, is supposed to be instrumental in bringing about the late Changes, is gone to Madrid to finish that Work.

The following is a true Copy of the Czarina's Declaration, published by the proper Officers in all the Sea-ports of Russia, to the British Merchants.

By the Grace of God, We KATHARINE, Empress, and Self Upholders of all Russia, &c. &c.

**B**E it known to all and every one in particular, whom it may concern; whereas we have taken into Consideration, that his Royal Majesty of Great Britain, has sent a Strong Squadron of his Ships of War into the Baltick Sea, who have anchored before our Port of Revel; and that such his Royal Majesty of Great Britain's unfriendly Proceeding, not any Way occasioned by us, hath plainly no other aim, but to undertake some disagreeable Measures against us, and consequently disturb the Peace of the North; and whereas the Merchants of the Great British Nation, trading with our Empire of great Russia, might, upon this his Royal Britannick Majesty's unfriendly Procedure towards us, suspect, (and the more if any actual Hostilities against us should be used by the foresaid Squadron) lest they who are in our Empire, may come to suffer in their Persons, Ships, Goods, &c. and be reduced to utter Ruin; but we, on our part, are sincerely purposed, (notwithstanding these Proceedings of his Great Britannick Majesty, tending to excite new Troubles in the North) to preserve, with all Diligence, that Friendly and good Correspondence, which hath continued so many Years, till this Time, steady and inviolable, betwixt the Dominions of Russia and Great Britain, to the great Benefit and Advantage of both Nations, and not only allow the Merchants of Great Britain trading in our Empire, their free Traffick without any Manner of Hinderance or Detriment; but also

for the Improvement thereof, shew them all Marks of gracious Favour and Encouragement, to the End that we may hereby give the whole World, and particularly the renowned great British Nation, the more sensible Proofs of our sincere Intention to preserve inviolably a good Understanding with the Crown of great Britain, and continue that good Friendship which hath been established of so ancient a Date between the two Kingdoms.

For which Causes we have thought good by these Presents, publickly to declare this our gracious Intention, and we assure all Merchants of Great Britain in general, and everyone in particular, that although any open Hostilities against us should be acted by his Majesty of Great Britain, or his Squadron sent by him, nevertheless the said Merchants, neither in their Persons, Goods, Possessions, Ships going or coming, nor by any other Manner whatsoever, shall receive any Injury, or be brought into Damage or Ruin by Us, so as in such Manner, that as well for the present, as for the Time to come, they may freely at their Pleasure, and best Advantage, without any Fear or Apprehension, carry on their Traffick in our Empire, equally with all Nations in Friendship with us; and on all Occasions be unalterably ascertained and assured of our Gracious Protection and Care for them; provided only they themselves, through no disagreeable Measures or forbidden Proceedings, render themselves obnoxious. In Confirmation whereof, we have signed this our Gracious Declaration with our own Hand, and commanded that it should be proclaimed in the usual Manner. Given at St. Petersburg, this 27th of June 1726.

The Original was sign'd with her Imperial Majesty's own Hand.

E. KATHERINA.

P. S. We ought to take Notice that the Accounts published here, of the Czarina's Order to the Inhabitants of Revel, for supplying the British Squadron with Provisions and all Necessaries; is from Advices of a later Date than our Letters.

From the *St. James's Evening Post*, July 23.  
London, July 23. Last Thursday Night was bur-



ed the right honourable the Earl of Cadogan, in Harry VII's. Chappel in Westminster Abbey, from his own House in Piccadilly; and we hear it was done in the privatest Manner imaginable, pursuant to his Orders in his Will.

There is a Talk that the Court will remove from Kensington to Windsor, in about a fortnight's Time.

The light Fregates that remain in the Downs, are ordered, three for the Scots Station, three for the Irish Station, and four to cruise in the Channel.

*From the Whitehall Evening-Post, July 23.*

*Genoa, July 6.* Tuesday last being the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin, some Highwaymen at Noon Day, stole into the Church of Barefooted Augustines, without Carbonara-gate and carried off the Ornaments of the said Virgin and the Infant Jesus, valued at above 12,000 Crowns.

*London, July 23.* Yesterday was held a general Council at Kensington, his Majesty and his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales being present.

Picard the Enthusiast, who formerly was in Custody for disturbing the Service of the Church, when the Prayers for his Majesty and the Royal Family were read, was on Sunday last, for the like Offence at Poplar Church, committed to new Prison.

*Wye's Letter, verbatim, July 26.*

*Since our last arrived 2 Mails from Holland, and one from France.*

**W**B have an Account from Petersburg of the 9th Inst. that the combin'd Fleet of G. Britain & Denmark lies still at Anchor upon the Coasts of the Isle of Nargen, where 'tis thought they will stay so long before they retire, as to render it afterwards impracticable for the Muscovites to put their Projects in Execution. So that according to this Way of talking, there may be Occasion for the British Fleet to appear against next Spring in the Baltick: But we expect shortly to hear of the Czarina's having complied to the Proposals of the K. of G. Britain, or that other Measures will be taken.

As to the Report of the Duke of Wharton being arriv'd at Rome, and appointed Governor of the Pretender's Son, in room of the Titular Duke of Inverness, the same is contradicted by Letters from Madrid, which say, that on the 8th Inst. he quitted that City, and retired into a Convent a little out of Town, with Design to be instructed in the Principles of the R. Catholick Religion. They add, that he was to be married to one of the Maids of Ho-

nour of the Queen of Spain.

The Report that was raised last Week, of the K. of Prussia's being here incog. is contradicted by Letters from Cleves, which say, that on the 23d Inst. at Night, his Prussian Majesty returned from Amsterdam to Meuland, and on the 26th he set out thro' Gelder in his Way to Berlin.

'Tis advised from Paris, That in the Night betwixt the 26th and 27th. N. S. his Most Christian Majesty had another slight Fit of the Ague; That the next Morning he was much better, and was since out of Danger.

The Dolphin and the Sword-Fish arrived Yesterday in the River, on account of the S. S. Company, from the Greenland Fishery, which 'tis reported has not proved so successful as last Year; but of this a little Time will better inform us. Meantime S. S. Stock is risen to 106, 1 half.

P. S. Three more of the S. S. Greenland Ships are arrived in the River, and the rest, consisting of 18 Sail, are expected in a Tide or two. But 'tis said they have been so unsuccessful as to have caught only 7 Whales and an half: however, 'tis certain they have been as fortunate as other Nations, and even more than the Dutch, who, as reported, have lost 7 of their Ships.

The Holland Mail just now come to Hand, has the following Extracts of the Czarina's Answer to the King of Great Britain's Letter, viz. "That when a Demand is made amicably to any Power upon any Affair, the Usage is not, to accompany such Demands with a Number of Ships of War; That she did not expect she would be obliged by any Power to account for her Armaments; That she judged she had less to answer for what is mentioned in the King's Letter touching the Pretender, that point having been discussed in the Time of the late Emperor.

By the aforesaid Mail, our S. Sea Company had this Day Letters from Greenland, brought by Ships to Holland, which contradict the above mentioned, for they assure that the Company's Ships had caught 17 Whales, and that when the Letters came away, some of them were continuing to Fish.

The Lord Viscount Longford of the Kingdom of Ireland, departed this Life the 14th Instant.

From Edinburgh we have an Account that the Lord Viscount Lisle is at the point of Death of a Lethargy.

Sir John Hynd Cotton, and Mr. Shepherd, both Knights of the Shire for the County of Cambridge, and

and Justices, of the Peace there, happened to quarrel on the Bench at the last Sessions, the former we hear is struck out of the Commission, and was fined in 5000 L. by the Bench, and bound to a Recognizance of 5000 L. to appear next Sessions.

'Tis said the Duke of Wharton has made a public Abjuration of the Protestant Religion.

*From the Evening Post, July 26.*

*Amsterdam, July 9.* Here are Letters from Petersburg which say, that 24,000 Russians have been ordered to embark on board the Gallies, which are equipping with all Expedition, and will shortly be ready to put to Sea. The Body of 36,000 Men encamped near Riga, has also received Orders to be ready to march at a Minute's Warning, with a Train of 24 Field-pieces and 6 Haubitz.

*From the Flying Post, July 25.*

*Petersburg, July 9.* The Squadrons of G. Britain and Denmark are still at Anchor near the Isle of Nargen. Some English Merchants settled here, who have been to see the 2 Squadrons, give out, That the Vanguard of the Fleet is commanded by th'English Rear-Admiral, the Main Battle by Admiral Wager, and that the Danish Squadron forms the Rear-Guard. The Russian Fleet has been reinforced with several Gallies, and some Men of War which were at Cronflot: 'Tis commanded by th'Admirals Cruys and Wilster, having under them the Vice-Admirals Synawn and Gordon, and two Rear-Admirals. We are assured that they have Orders to tarry in the Road of Revel till the 2 Squadrons are retired, and then repair to Cronflot to be unrigged.

*From the London Gazette, July 19.*

*Paris, July 31.* N. S. Yesterday Morning all the Foreign Ministers were admitted to make their Court to his most Christian Majesty in his Bedchamber. He appeared with so fresh and healthful a Countenance, that it was hardly visible he had been sick.

## ADVERTISEMENT S.

Edinburgh, 25th July 1726.

By Order of the MAGISTRATES.

\* \* \* That a GALLOWAY PLATE, given by the Town of Leith, value L. 25 sterl. will be run for on the Sands of Leith on the Seventeenth of September next, by Galloways carrying Nine Stones English, including Whip, Saddle and Bridle; to run 3 Heats, four Miles each, or twice round the Sands. The Horses are to start betwixt the Hours of 10 & 11 before Noon. The other Conditions and Rules for running of this Plate, are the same with those for running the City of Edinburgh's Plate; with this Difference, That each Person shall at Booking pay only One Guinea.

\* \* \* That the KING'S PLATE, value 100 Guineas, will be run for on the Sands of Leith the Nineteenth of September next, by any Horse, Mare or Gelding carrying Eleven Stones English, allowing Whip, Saddle and Bridle to be Part thereof; to run Three Heats four Miles, or twice round the Sands. The Horses to start betwixt 12 & 12 in the Forenoon. No Jostling or Crossing to be allowed; and all Disputes are to be determined by the Lord Provost and Magistrates, who are to be with the Flags at the Starting and Distance-posts. The Distance-post is to be Ten score Yards from the Starting-post. The Rider, after each Heat, is to take off his Saddle himself, and carry it with him the Moment he dismounts to the Scales, and is to be allowed in weighing a Pound for Waste. Half an Hour is allowed at the End of each Heat, for Rubbing. If three single Horses gains each of them a Heat, the Horse that gains the last Heat, gets the Plate: Or, if any Horse gains the first two Heats, he gets the Plate. If any Horse, Mare or Gelding runs on the wrong Side of any of the Posts, or runs down any of them, they are to run back the same Way, and run right, or be adjudged as distanced. If the Water comes in upon the Course, the Posts are to be brought in during Rubbing, at the Direction of the Judges. The Flag at the Starting-post to be dropt the Moment the first Horse's Head is seen to be past it, at the End of each Heat. And in case, by the Sea's not going far enough out, the Sands should allow but a short Course, it shall be in the Power of the Judges, any Time before the Race, to appoint each Heat to be run thrice round the Sands. The Flag at the Distance-post to be dropt at the same Time with that at the Starting post; and all the Horses that are not seen to be past the Distance-post at that Time, are adjudged as distanced, and have no Right to run again.

\* \* \* The Silver Plate given by the Town of Edinburgh, to the Value of 50 L. Sterling, will be run for on the Sands of Leith, on the 20th of September next, by any Horse Mare or Gelding, carrying ten Stone English Weight, allowing Whip, Saddle, and Bridle, to run three Heats, each Heat being four Miles, or twice round the Sands. The Horses are to start betwixt Twelve and One Mid-day. No Jostling or Crossing to be allowed, and all Disputes are to be determined by the Lord Provost, and Magistrates, who are to be with the Flags, at the Starting and Distance Posts. The Distance Post is to be ten score Yards from the starting Post. The Rider after each Heat is to take off his Saddle himself, and to carry it with him that Moment he dismounts, to the Scales, and is to be allowed in weighing one Pound for Waste. Half an Hour is allowed at the End of each Heat for Rubbing. If three single Horses gains each of them a Heat, the Horse that gains the last Heat gets the Plate, or if any Horse gains the first two Heats gets the Plate. If any Horse or Gelding runs on the wrong Side of any of the Posts, or runs down any of them, they are to run back the same Way, and turn right, or else they are adjudged as distanced. If the Water comes in upon the Course, the Posts are to be brought in during the Time of Rubbing, at the Directions of the Judges. The Flag at the Starting Post to be dropt the Moment the first Horse's Head is seen to be past it, at the End of each Heat, and in case by the Sea's not going far enough out, the Sands should allow but a short Course, it shall



shall be in the Power of the Judges, any Time before the Race, to appoint each Heat to be run thrice round the Sands. That the Horses which are to run for this Plate, being three at least, must be at Leith eight Days before the Days of the Race, and be booked forty eight Hours before running, and to pay two Guineas each at Booking.

*Lately Published,*  
Proposals, for printing by Subscription, *A new Account of the EAST INDIES:* Being the *Observations and Remarks* of Captain ALEXANDER HAMILTON, who spent his Time there from the Year 1688, to 1723; trading and travelling, by Sea and Land, to most Countries and Islands of Commerce and Navigation betwixt the Cape of Good Hope and the Island of Japon. Describing the *Seas and Sea coasts, and Islands, the Kingdoms, Cities and Towns on the said Coasts and Islands, with new and exact Maps of them; also of the Harbours and Dangers on those Coasts and Seas.* Likewise the Dispositions and Qualities of the Inhabitants of *INDIA;* their Religion, Customs, Government, Commerce and Product of each Country and Island; as also some short Hints of their Histories and Traditions, both ancient and modern, with some particular *Cuts,* representing different Curiosities contained in the Book, to make the Remarks the more intelligible; and some of the *Author's* own Adventures, faithfully related. Proposals may be had of JOHN MOSMAN, One of his Majesty's Printers, and by whom Subscriptions are taken in at the King's Printing-house in Craig's Close, as also by William Brown and George Stewart, and other Bookfellers in Town.

That on Wednesday the Third Day of August Inst. at the Sheriff-Clerk's Office in Perth, betwixt the Hours of 2 & 4 in the Afternoon; there is to be exposed to voluntary Roup and Sale, a very fine LODGING, all well finish'd and furnish'd, and very lately built; consisting of Ten Fire-rooms and Closets, Kitchen, Coach-house, Stables, Cellars, and several other Office-houses, which makes a handsome Square, and the Close well payemented, with a very large Garden adjoining; lying on the North-side of the Burgh of Perth, next to and in View of the pleasant Green and Fishing there. It hath always been in the Proprietor's own Possession; but the Rent may be easily known, by the Rent of other Houses in that Place. The Conditions of the Rouns and Sale, with the Progress of Writs, are to be seen in the Hands of the Sheriff-Clerk.

A Gentleman on Tuesday last riding 'twixt Queensferry and Edinburgh, lost to the Value of 60 Dollars and an half of Danish Money, in 8, 6, 4, 2 & 1 Silver-pieces, tied up in a Napkin, which dropt from the Fore-part of his Coat and Pocket. Any Person who shall give Account of the same, so as it may be recovered, let them come to the

Author of this Paper, or William Lesly Merchant of Edinburgh at Leith, and they shall have two Guineas Reward.

*Fishery-Office, June 28, 1726.*

The Managers of the Copartnery are to expose to publick Sale, at their Office on TUESDAY the 2d Aug. Inst. at 3 after Noon, at the following low Rates, for Encouragement of Bidders, viz.

Four new Herring-nets, at 3 L. sterl. each.  
Eight ditto, containing 110 undress'd ditto at 10 sh. each.  
Utensils for a Twine-work per Inventory, to be set up at L. 9, 17, 8 sterl.

Ditto for the Cod-fishing, as per Inventory; to be set up at L. 14, 1, 8.

Ditto for a Barking-house, per ditto to be set up at L. 14, 16, 4 sterl.

The above Goods will be shown at Leith by David Daes the Copartnery's Agent, and the Inventories and Articles of Roup, at their Office in the Lawn-market. Also there will be exposed to public Sale at the said Office, and at the same Hour, 88 Lasts, 1-3d of Herring Barrels lying at Peterhead, in one Lot, to be sold as they lie, at 10 sh. per Last.

Notice is also hereby given, That the Managers of the Fishing Copartnery have adjourned till TUESDAY the 2d Inst. at three a'clock in the Afternoon, at their Office in the Lawn-Market in Edinburgh, the Sale of the Lands and Fishertown of Peterhead with the Pertinents, and others belonging to the said Copartnery, lying in the Parish of Peterhead and Shire of Aberdeen, the yearly Rental whereof, amounts to 191 Bolls 2 Pecks of Bear, 199 Bolls and 2 Pecks 1-3d Meal, 2 Bolls of Oats, and L. 80. 4. 1-10th Sterling of Money Rent and Feu Duties, being the neat free Rent, over and above the Ministers Stipend. Item the Feus of 37 Houses in Stonehaven, and Fish-Boats in the said Town, belonging to the said Copartnery, lying in the Sheriffdom of Kincardin, the Free Rent whereof, amounts in all to L. 7. 12. 1-6th Sterling. Any Person who intends to bid for the above Purchase, may see the Particulars of the Rental, the Copartnery's Right, and the Conditions of Sale, at the Copartnery's Office.

The said Managers do likewise further give Notice, That Attendance will be given by the Officers of the Copartnery at the Burrow Room, on Thursdays and Fridays, from 9 to 12 in the Forenoon, and from 2 to 5 Afternoon, for paying to all Persons having Certificates, made out in their own Name, or who have Right to the same by Indorsation, the first Dividend of their Fishery-Stock, at the Rate of 5 sh. sterl. per Pound, and on each Wednesday during the Month of July, from 9 to 12 Forenoon, and from 2 to 4 Afternoon, the Certificates will be given out to such Persons who have hitherto omitted to call for the same.

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The Author of this Paper, thinks fit to intimate to the Noblemen, Gentlemen, &c. who are furnished with the same; That the first Quarter of the 7th Year, ended the 25th of July past 1726. Therefore he expects they will pay up the old Arrears, with this current Quarter, as they would be served with the same for the future.